

Sharing history of the Cheyennes, Arapahos

Submitted by James Black Bear
Written by Ruby Sheridan 2007

The story of the Ft. Marion, Cheyenne and Arapaho prisoners had its beginning with events that happened in Colorado Territory in the aftermath of the Sand Creek Massacre on Nov. 29, 1864.

The 1851 Ft. Laramie Treaty gave reservations to the tribes who were parties to the treaty. The Cheyennes and Arapahos were given an extensive reservation in Colorado Territory, the western portion extending to the Red Buttes at the top of the Ricky Mountains.

When gold was discovered in Colorado, there was a frenzied rush to the gold fields that were situated on the Cheyenne and Arapaho reservation. The Indians objected to the whites coming into their land and the U.S. Government could not object to the whites coming in their land, nor could they control the whites, and trouble started between the whites and Indians.

Finally, the whites pressured the Territorial government to “do something” about the Indians. The Territorial governor bowed to this pressure. Cheyenne Chief, Black Kettle traveled to Denver for a meeting with Gov. Evans. This meeting was not productive in any way.

On Nov. 29, 1864, Col. John Chivington and his troops attached Black Kettle’s band on the Big Sandy in Southeastern Colorado, killing mostly elders, women and children and burned the village, destroyed their tipis, food, clothing, even killing their horses.

Col. Chivington knew there was a band of Cheyenne Dog Soldiers camped on the Smokey



Courtesy photo

Busts of Ft. Marion prisoners from different tribes throughout Oklahoma.

Hill River about 20 miles away. He chose not to attach the Dog Soldiers ... and for good reason.

The Cheyenne Dog Soldiers at the time was a militant band of warriors, who not only kept tribal law and order within the various Cheyenne bands, but retaliated for any offenses done to their tribes by Indians of other tribes or by white people.

As the Dog Soldiers began gathering at the Smokey Hill River, they were joined by warriors from the peaceful Cheyenne villages, including Sioux warriors. Many of these men had lost family members in the Sand Creek Massacre. They were outraged at the atrocities committed against their people and feelings ran high as they began their revenge fights.

There were more white people killed by the

Dog Soldiers than Indians killed by Chivington at Sand Creek, ranches were burned, livestock killed. There were numerous clashes with the cavalry, with losses on both sides.

In the meantime, the Chiefs, who favored peace, began to come into Ft. Supply in northwestern Oklahoma Territory. In November 1868, Gen. George Custer and his troops attached Black Kettle’s band on the Washita River in western Oklahoma, this time killing Black Kettle and his wife.

The Cheyennes and Arapahos refused the 1867 reservation in northern Oklahoma. They finally accepted and settled on the 1869 Executive Order Reservation in western Oklahoma. The Army had the Indians to camp at

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Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes propose a democratic vote on same sex marriage

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

On Friday, Oct. 24, 2013, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Chief of Staff, Ida Hoffman hosted an open meeting for all tribal members, tribal employees and media representatives to announce that the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes do not endorse same sex marriage. The issue will be presented to the tribal membership, as a whole, to decide to allow same sex marriages within the tribes’ Sovereign Nation.

The meeting came after the media frenzy regarding tribal member, Darren Black Bear and his partner, Jason Pickel, obtained a marriage license through the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Court. This was the second

marriage license issued for a same sex marriage. The first license was issued in December 2012.

Hoffman’s press release distributed after the meeting read, “This week our 12,000 plus Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members, as well as the world learned that our Tribal Court has issued a marriage licenses to couples of the same sex. The purpose of this media conference is to inform you that the statement by Blackbear/Pickel that ‘no one from the tribe objected’ is not accurate. Except for a small number of tribal employees who work at the Court or tribal members who may have been informed by tribal member Blackbear, the

majority of tribal members were not even aware that the two men had obtained a marriage license through the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Court. Shortly after the Oct. 15, 2013 issue of the Tribal Tribune was released, many of our tribal employees have been receiving calls from tribal members, as well as the general public, ranging from simple disagreement to outright cursing about the Blackbear/Pickel marriage license. These men are receiving their 15 minutes of fame to the detriment of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes as a sovereign nation. Our tribe has numerous services that we provide to our 12,000 plus tribal mem-

bers. Some of the services provide food, others provide protection for children and elders, and some programs provide job placement services for our tribal members. The media was not here when we were meeting daily to discuss our financial status when the government funding for our tribal programs was not available during the (government) shutdown. Yet the media are quick to run the story featuring one tribal member, Blackbear, who obtained a marriage license at the Tribal Court and decided to seek fame. It is tragic that Blackbear decided his personal sexual preference should be the main focus in See Democratic vote, page 8

Trial set for Dec. 10 in murder of Jessica Kauley

The trial date for accused, Samuel Keeto, is set for 9:30 a.m., Dec. 10 at the Custer County Courthouse in Arapaho, Okla.

Keeto is accused of shooting and killing 35 year old Jessica Jane Kauley on Dec. 27, 2012 in a house located in Clinton, Okla.

Police found Kauley and another victim, Shawn Patrick Spottedwolf shot in the 1800 block of Hunt Street. Kauley was pronounced dead at Clinton Integris Hospital shortly after arriving.

Spottedwolf suffered non life-threatening injuries.

The family of Kauley is requesting all supporters to attend the trial.

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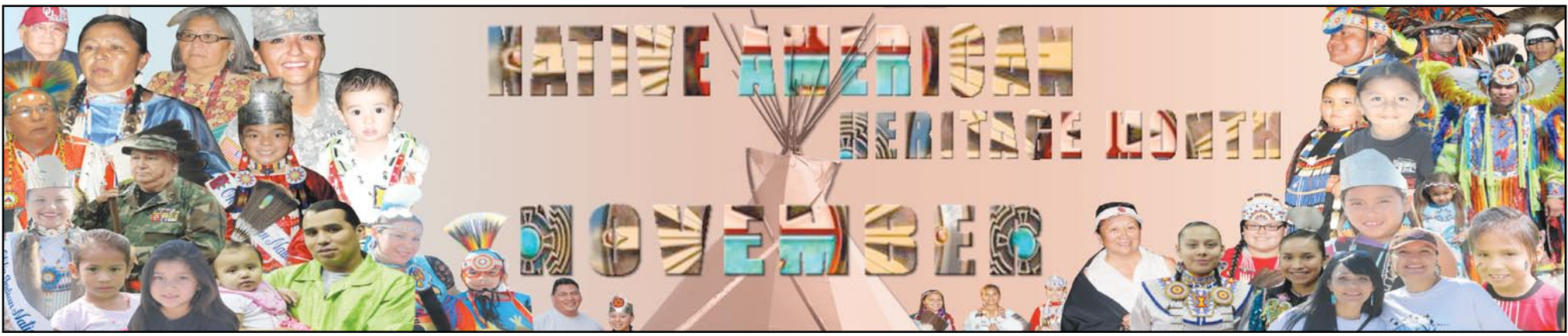
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There will be a Veterans Day Memorial at the Veteran’s Monument, 10 a.m., Nov. 11 in Concho, Okla.
Dr. Ralph Dru will be speaking.

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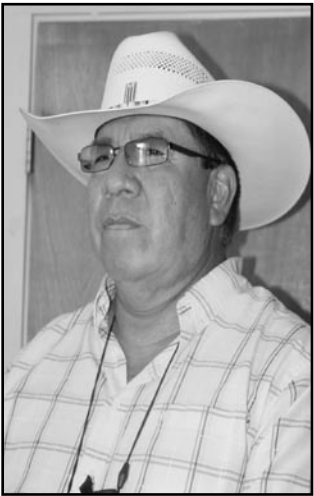


Meet the Candidates

With the Legislative Primary Elections being held on Nov. 5, 2013, the Tribal Tribune is publishing all the candidates’ bio/platform submissions, received as of press time, listed by District in alphabetical last name order.

The run off elections for Cheyenne District 2 and Arapaho District 2 (both C2 and A2 had three candidates who filed for seat) will be on Dec. 17, 2013.

Arapaho District 2 Candidate-Dale Hamilton



My name is Dale Hamilton Sr.

I am an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. My Indian Name is Ni Vi a Huma (Sandhill).

My father is the late Alvin R. Hamilton Sr., and my mother is Verna M. Williams Hamilton. My grandfather is Bill Williams (Hou Noo

Ki - Whitecrow). My grandmother is Amanda Hoof Williams. My great grandfather is Bullthunder and his wife is Medicine Woman. My grandfather, Bill Williams participated in the last Arapaho Sun Dance here in Oklahoma in the 1930s.

My wife is Roberta “Bobbie” Hamilton, formerly White Thunder. We have eight children and several grandchildren.

I believe strongly in our traditional ways and plan to pass my knowledge on to our children. I believe our children are the most important asset because it is they who will pick up when we leave, just as we have picked up where our parents went on to the Spirit World.

I am running for A-2 Legislative Representative for the reason that I feel I can make a big difference in our

Legislative process and in keeping with our Constitution.

My knowledge and experience from working as a Federal Police Officer with the Bureau of Indian Affairs as well as working as a Tribal Police Officer with our Tribe, has allowed insight on public service.

I worked on six different Indian Reservations and this experience has provided me with knowledge that I can use in the political arena. I worked on a routine basis enforcing the CFR-25 Code of Regulations, as well as State and Tribal laws.

If elected, there are issues I would work toward passing Legislation and Laws with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe:

1. Mandatory Annual Audits of all Tribal Assets.
2. Revision of the GRAP-Gaming Rev-

enue Allocation Plan.

3. Introduce Legislation which will mandate Disclosure of Donors to Candidates during Election years.
4. Introduce Gaming Codes which will close the loop holes to ensure that our gaming dollars are not manipulated.
5. Ensure that more funds are allocated towards hiring more staff for the Indian Child Welfare Program.
6. Revisions and Amendments to the Constitution to absorb A-3 and A-4 into A-1 and A-2 Districts and place two Legislative Representatives for A-1 and A-2.

This is only a beginning to the many issues that face our Arapaho members. If elected, I will work closely, collaboratively and cooperatively with the newly elected Governor and Lt. Governor on all issues.

Arapaho District 2 Candidate-Michael Martin



My name is Michael Earle Martin. I was raised by my grandparents, the late Jesse Horn, full blood Cheyenne and the late Mabel Medicinebird TallBull Horn, full blood Arapaho. My grandmother’s Indian name was Grey Hair (Hebath-tha-say). I am the great, great grandson of Chief Kill-

er, who was a Fort Marion P.O.W. from 1875-1878 in St. Augustine, Florida. Jesse Whiteshirt (Good Warrior, full blood Arapaho) was also my great, great grandmother. I was raised in Kingfisher and graduated from Kingfisher High School. I also graduated from Southwest Automotive from the Paint and Body Vo-Tech.

I am a candidate for Arapaho District 2 Legislator and I am asking for your vote. I was a former Legislator from 2005-2010 and I have the experience and knowledge of our tribal government and constitution.

If elected as your Legislator, I will aid in enacting an annual budget by law which shall include an appropriation of operation funds for the tribal council branch, the

executive Branch and the judicial Branch. Legislators shall also have authority to authorize and appropriate per capita payments to members of the tribes by law.

I will protect our sovereign immunity from tribal and foreign entities. We make billions from our casinos and for that reason I will help make laws to stop the unscrupulous spending of our money and assist in placing funds where it will benefit tribal members the most. We must enact laws for the advancement of our people.

My grandmother, Mabel, instilled in me to respect our people, especially our elders. We must protect and provide for our elders and children. They are the ones who are suffering the most. The

services the Elders receive are minimal and cannot buy much with what is given. The elders need more help. Our elders are suffering because our current leaders only care for themselves and their family and they say our elders are spoiled. I don’t have to tell you what’s going on, you see it too. We need leaders who will stand up for the unspoken and have compassion for our tribal members. I am determined to stand up for our people and put forth hard work to enhance our living.

Again, I ask for your vote to serve not only the Arapaho District 2 but for all the Cheyenne and Arapaho People.

Vote for Michael Martin, “THE MAN FOR THE JOB.”

Arapaho District 2 Candidate-Christine Morton



Tous, Hinono’ei no!

My name is Christine Morton and I am a candidate for the 2013 Arapaho District 2 Legislator. I would like to take this time to introduce myself and briefly discuss a few issues that I feel are important for our tribe to move forward.

I am a full blood enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. I am ¾ Arapaho and ¼ Cheyenne. My parents were the late Geraldine June Tallbull Morton (½ Arapaho ½ Cheyenne) and Samuel Morton, Jr. (4/4 Arapaho).

My late maternal grandparents were Mabel Mary Medicinebird Tallbull Horn (GrayHair nee Hebei3e’sai (4/4 Arapaho) and John Charles (Littleman) Tallbull, (4/4 Cheyenne) of Kingfisher; late paternal grandparents were Samuel Morton Sr. and Stella Campbell Morton, both full blood Arapahoes from Gearsy.

The reason I have provided this information is to let you know what families I

come from. I feel it is important for all of us, especially the younger generation, to know our family history, who our relatives are and where we come from.

My purpose in running for the legislature is simple and sincere. I want our tribes to move forward, to see open communication throughout our tribal government structure, and, most importantly with the tribal members. If we don’t communicate with each other then we can’t progress. One of the most important concerns is the inability of our leaders to work together to get business done.

Legislators are elected to office by the people and the elected officials should concentrate on what is important and in the best interest of our tribal members. Meetings of any sort should be conducted in a business like manner in order to be productive. Everyone has their own opinion and should be allowed to express themselves, but, I think we listen better if personalities don’t interfere and everyone sticks to the business being discussed, otherwise, we waste valuable time. We need our leaders to be able to compromise and work together for the benefit of our tribe.

It is my intent to serve the constituents of the A-2 District by working with the other district representatives to improve program services and to further the interests of the tribes by concentrating on real issues. There are many

priorities for the in-coming legislature such as health disparities, alcohol and substance abuse, employment, education, economic development, language preservation, financial accountability, to name of few. All of these are important issues and I look forward to working with the legislature should I be elected for the A-2 position.

We have many educated, hard-working, experienced tribal members and our tribal administration should be fair in the hiring process,. It should not be based on who you know. Our tribal members have a reason to do a good job for us because they are a part of us. Let’s recognize these people and put

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Meet the Candidates-Arapaho District 2 Christine Morton

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them to work. Of concern is the employment of non-Indian people in key positions within our tribal government structure. What happened to using Indian Preference? Our tribal members may not be qualified for many of these positions, that’s where education plays a key role, our people need to be afforded the opportunity and resources to get an education so that they can be hired for these positions and provide for their families. Still there are other positions that do not require an educational background but require experience. Those are the positions our people should be

given a preference for, we need to give our people the opportunity to gain experience. I believe I have the qualities and experience needed to fulfill the duties of the A-2 District representative. I have worked for numerous tribal programs for the past 24 plus years and have gained experience and knowledge of how to communicate with people, administer services, and am familiar as to how the budgetary process works. Currently I am employed by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes in the Enrollment Department on a temporary basis; my permanent posi-

tion is within the Procurement, Grants and Contracts Program as the Procurement Specialist. I have a strong work ethic, having worked all my life starting when I was in the 10th grade in high school. My companion of 17 years, Eric Anquoe, and I reside in El Reno, where I have lived for the past 25 years. I have two daughters and two grandsons, Cameron and Bryce. I am originally from Kingfisher and attended and graduated from the Kingfisher Public School system. In 1993 I graduated from Redlands Community College with an Associates

Degree in Sociology. I enjoy attending cultural events, self taught myself to bead, love to listen, learn and sing Arapaho Hymns, enjoy learning the Arapaho Language and researching tribal and family history, and have assisted and/or served on the Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow Committee for the past 14 years. In closing, I feel confident that I can do my part as a legislator to represent not only the A-2 District, but the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes as a whole. I would appreciate your support and your vote for the A-2 legislative office.

Cheyenne District 2 Candidate-Alan Fletcher



Greetings to all my kind relatives and friends. May these words find you in plveaught health and happiness. My name is Alan Gene Fletcher. I am your candidate for our Tsististas Cheyenne District 2 legislature. My Tsisista name is Woo-ge-wa-ha-mats, White Antelope. This name was given to me by my late uncle Chief Edwin Pewo. My father is the late Dwight Eugene Fletcher, paternal grandparents are the late Chief William Bent Fletcher and Mildred Row of Lodges-Fletcher. My mother is the late Ima Jean Whiteskunk, maternal grandparents are the late Chief Edward Jones Whiteskunk and Mary Elk

River-Whiteskunk. As your candidate for our Tsististas, Cheyenne District 2 legislator I would greatly appreciate your support in selecting me as your representative. I will work towards the betterment of our proud Tsisista Nation. I believe that our people come first and need to be taken care of from the youngest to the eldest, as well as our future generations. During my career with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes I have always been devoted to our people. For example, I had the honor to serve as the Community Project Coordinator for the Arapaho District 2. I fed all our Cheyenne and Arapaho relatives and friends at monthly meetings as well as holidays. I assisted in the development of the Geary Tribal Community Hall. This project was accomplished through the collaboration with the City of Geary as well as our Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal administration. I also worked for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Crisis Assistance Program and served as an outreach case

manager. I assisted our Cheyenne and Arapaho people with food, shelter, utilities and medical needs. I also referred our people to outside agencies that could provide assistance as well. Through the crisis program I received training in Federal Emergency Management Aid and provided our people with assistance during natural disasters, such as tornadoes, floods, and winter storms. With my knowledge working with the Cheyenne, Arapaho Crisis Department I applied this information and skills towards my employment with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Elder Care Program as an outreach caseworker. It was an honor to serve our Cheyenne elders and Arapaho elders, and ensure their needs were met. During my outreach meetings with the assistance of our Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal program, and other outside agencies, beneficial information was provided for our elders. I had an opportunity to work for our Cheyenne and Arapaho Culture and Heritage Program as the project specialist. I provided work-

shops for our youth as well as our community members that were interested in learning our Cheyenne and Arapaho languages, history, religion and culture. I also ensured that our powwow and ceremonial grounds were maintained. I worked for our Cheyenne and Arapaho Finance Department as the travel clerk where I processed all travel accommodations for our Cheyenne and Arapaho employees within the federal guidelines as well as their program budget perimeters. Once again I want to say Haho for your support in selecting me as your Tsististas Cheyenne District 2 legislator. As your legislator I will be devoted towards helping our people. Together we can build a brighter future for all of our Cheyenne and Arapaho relatives and friends. May Maheo continue to bless you with piveaught health and happiness. If I may be of assistance, please contact me at afletcher4c2@yahoo.com or by writing me at 325 Hope Ave., El Reno, OK 73036.

Cheyenne District 2 Candidate-Ramona Tall Bear



My name is Ramona Tall Bear, Legislative candidate for Cheyenne District 2. I’d like to introduce myself and ask for your support in electing me as your representative of the Kingfisher, Calumet and El Reno areas. I am full blood Cheyenne. My parents are William Dellos Tall Bear Sr., living in

El Reno and my mother is Lucille Drunkard from Deer Creek. I have worked for the Legislature since 2007 when I became the Budget Analyst, until early 2010 when I took off a year to concentrate on my family. I came back to work for the Legislature in late 2011, serving as Legislative clerk and budget analyst. Prior to that, I worked for the tribes as Economic Development coordinator in 2006, as the Accountant responsible for payments to elders and crisis in 2005 and as Controller soon out of college in the early 1990s. I have also worked for other tribes throughout Oklahoma as an accountant. I believe these experiences have given me a good understanding of tribal governmental functions. Work-

ing with the Legislature I have seen the new constitution work for our people, and know the many trials we have gone through in this process. I am saddened by the division that has been caused by it and know many items need to be amended. We have all become knowledgeable of the flaws and would work with my constituents in getting this done. I have worked with the first through fourth Legislature in passing many important acts, resolutions, confirmations and codes. I know the importance of written laws in this tribal Government and would work to get additional Bills passed which would lay the groundwork for a stronger and more effective government, which would benefit our people. My degree in accounting

has also given me a strong understanding of the fiscal responsibilities our government leaders must adhere to. I believe our tribal revenues, from all sources, should be spent according to the constitution and in the best interests of the people. I know the importance of our traditional ways and know these ways are strong in us. The tribal government must be different than the traditional government but should share the values of openness, communication and community decision-making. I believe that the Legislature and governor’s office could work together to make this a better tribal government. Alone we are weak, together we are strong. Humbly I say haho.

Cheyenne District 2 Candidate-George Woods



My name is George Woods; I am a lifelong resident of Cheyenne District 2. I am married to Jennifer Woods and I am the

father of one 8 year-old daughter, Ashley. My parents are Robert Woods Sr. and Virginia “Tunie” Redbird Woods, my grandparents are the late George Woods and Myrtle Woods of Kingfisher, Okla., the late Allen Sr, and the late Virginia Redbird. I introduce myself to those of you that do not know me, because I want to be your next tribal representative for Cheyenne District 2. I am running for office for that district to represent the Cheyenne people of this area and I need

your vote. It is these traditional values and beliefs that bring me before you; I ask you for your help. I want to change the course of how our tribal government conducts business or lack thereof. We have come to a place where a new direction must intercede to bring back respect, accountability and trust between the tribal government and our people. Our representative must come back to the core foundation that they work for the Cheyenne

people of this district. Too long our pleas have fell on deaf ears, too long our tribes have been at odds with each other, too long we have been without viable representation within the halls of our tribal government. Let me be your voice. We need true economic development, not hair-brained notions of buying \$9.4 million websites that bring no revenue to our tribes. We need viable

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CHEYENNE ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
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NOTICE OF ARAPAHO 2 AND CHEYENNE 2
ELECTION DATES

The Primary Election for the A2 and C2 Legislatures will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

The General Election for the A2 and C2 Legislatures will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013.

Posted at the Election Commission in Concho, Oklahoma, BIA and Clinton Indian Hospital on October 25, 2013

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CANDIDATES FOR THE 2013 GENERAL ELECTION
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LEGISLATIVE PRIMARY ELECTIONS

CANDIDATES FOR CHEYENNE DISTRICT 2
Ramona Tallbear
George Woods
Alan Fletcher

CANDIDATE FOR CHEYENNE DISTRICT 4
Kyle Orange.....Winner by Default

CANDIDATES FOR ARAPAHO DISTRICT 1
Edward Eugene Mosqueda
Jane Nightwalker

CANDIDATES FOR ARAPAHO DISTRICT 2
Dale Hamilton
Michael Martin
Christine Morton

The 2013 General Election
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and
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Polling Sites

Each poll site will be open from
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Must show current valid photo ID.
No Copies of Photo ID will be accepted.

The C-1 and A-1 Poll sites:
Watonga Public Library, Watonga, Okla., located at 301 N Prouty Street, Watonga.
Canton Community Hall, Canton, Okla., located at 207 N Jefferson, Canton.
Seiling Indian Community Center, Seiling, Okla., located at 411 N Main Street, Seiling.

The C-2 and A-2 Poll sites:
Concho Community Hall, Concho, Okla., located at 200 Wolf Robe Circle, Concho.
Geary Community Hall, Geary, Okla., located at 132 E Main Street, Geary.
Show Barn at the Fair-

grounds Kingfisher, Okla., located at 300 Block of South 13th Street, Kingfisher.
The C-3 and A-3 Poll Sites:
Clinton Community Hall, Clinton, Okla., located at 2015 Dog Patch Road, Clinton.
Liberty Church, Weatherford, Okla., located at 109 West Franklin Street, Weatherford.
The A-4 and C-4 Poll Sites:
Hammon Community Hall, Hammon, Okla., located at 801 Dunn Street, Hammon.
Indian Baptist Church, Elk City, Okla., located at 916 W 7th Street Elk City.

Meet the Candidates-Cheyenne District 2 George Woods

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businesses that provide jobs to our tribal members, revenue to our programs and services and not empty promises.

We need accountability and honesty, under my leadership I promise that every tribal member will receive a monthly report of where our tribal monies are being spent and how much revenue we receive. This is your money and I will be accountable and provide transparency for those funds. No more secret meetings, inflated, illegal finders fees for special employees, unscrupulous investors and lawyers. I will take my direction from you, my people, as to where you want the money to be spent and how you want the government to be accountable to the people.

We need to put education back as a priority for our children and grandchildren.

How can our tribe survive if we cannot insure that our children will receive a good education? My promise will be to always support education endeavors that provide for the betterment of our preschool kids, grade school, and high school and up to our college students. We will never break the cycle of poverty if we cannot equip our children with a good sound education that will lead to financial stability and high self-esteem. We can no longer squabble over whether we will fund education, we have to ask ourselves, “how much can we give” to insure our children will survive and succeed in this world.

Keep our traditional values and old ways, by taking care of our tribal elders. I was taught first and foremost; take care of those who need you most, our children

and our elders. I promise to find innovative ways to assist our tribal elders with services that will enhance their health and well being. All tribal elders will be treated as equals, whether in state or out of state, in the service area, or out of the service area. I think of all the elders “my grandparents or parents” I’ve learned many things from our elders. They are our first teachers. I take those lessons to heart and the first and foremost lesson “take care of your people, we are Cheyenne and that is our way”.

I feel that I am the best candidate for this district as I am a lifelong resident of my home in the Kingfisher and EL Reno area. I grew up with my people in this area and have learned invaluable life lessons form my family, tribal elders and our traditional

leaders. I only mention this for those who do not know my background, I have been bestowed the honor to serve as one of the appointed Tribal Chiefs of the Cheyenne tribe I deeply embrace my rational beliefs and have instilled those values within my life and my family.

These are the most important items to me; I come with the idealism of getting back to our basic values of respect, honesty, accountability and unity. My name is George Woods; I want to be your next representative for Cheyenne District 2.

Vote George Woods and you are voting for a positive in our tribal government.

NOTE: There were no bio/platform information submitted for Arapaho District 1 Candidates, Edward Eugene Mosqueda and Jane Nightwalker.

Eight myths and atrocities about Christopher Columbus and Columbus Day

By Vincent Schilling

On the second Monday of October each year, Native Americans cringe at the thought of honoring a man who committed atrocities against Indigenous Peoples.

Columbus Day was conceived by the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic Fraternal organization, in the 1930s because they wanted a Catholic hero. After President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the day into law as a federal holiday in 1937, the rest has been history.

In an attempt to further thwart the celebration of this “holiday,” we at ICTMN have outlined eight misnomers and bloody, greedy, sexually perverse and horrendous atrocities committed by Columbus and his men.

On the way, Columbus stole a sailor’s reward.

After obtaining funding for his explorations to reach Asia from the seizure and sale of properties from Spanish Jews and Muslims by order of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, Columbus headed out to explore a new world with money and ships.

Brimming with the excitement of discovering new land, Columbus offered a reward of 10,000 maravedis or about \$540 (a sailor’s yearly salary) for the first person to discover such land. Though another sailor saw the land in October 1492, Columbus retracted the reward he had previously offered because he claimed he had seen a dim light in the west.

Replicas of the Niña, Pinta and Santa Maria in the North River, New York. They crossed from Spain to be present at the World’s Fair at Chicago. (Andrews, E. Benjamin. History of the United States, volume V. Charles Scribner’s Sons, New York. 1912/Wikimedia)

Columbus never landed on American soil, not in 1492, not ever.

We’re not talking about the Leif Ericson Viking explorer story. We mean Columbus

“As soon as I arrived in the Indies, on the first Island which I found, I took some of the natives by force in order that they might learn and might give me information of whatever there is in these parts.”

The four voyages of Columbus are shown here. (Wikimedia Commons)

Columbus Painted a Horrible Picture of Peaceful Natives

When Columbus first saw the Native Arawaks that came to greet him and his crew he spoke with a peaceful and admiring tone.

“They brought us parrots and balls of cotton and spears and many other things, they willingly traded everything they owned. They were well-built, with good bodies and handsome features. They do not bear arms, and do not know them, for I showed them a sword, they took it by the edge and cut themselves out of ignorance. They have no iron. Their spears are made of cane. They would make fine servants ... with fifty men we could subjugate them all and make them do whatever we want.”

After several months in the Caribbean, on January 13, 1493 two Natives were murdered during trading. Columbus, who had otherwise described the Natives as gentle people wrote “(they are) evil and I believe they are from the island of Caribe, and that they eat men.” He also described them as “savage cannibals, with dog-like noses that drink the blood of their victims.”

The cannibal story is taught as fact in some of today’s schools.

Columbus’ men were rapists and murderers.

On Columbus’s first trip to the Caribbean, he later returned to Spain and left behind 39 men who went ahead and helped themselves to Native women. Upon his return the men were all dead.

With 1,200 more soldiers at his disposal, rape and pillaging became rampant as well



Courtesy photo

This painting of Christopher Columbus was done in 1519 by Sebastiano del Piombo.

well, for which she raised such unheard of screams that you would not have believed your ears. Finally we came to an agreement in such manner that I can tell you that she seemed to have been brought up in a school of harlots.”

Several accounts of cruelty and murder include Spaniards testing the sharpness of blades on Native people by cutting them in half, beheading them in contests and throwing Natives into vats of boiling soap. There are also accounts of suckling infants being lifted from their mother’s breasts by Spaniards, only to be dashed headfirst into large rocks.

Bartolome De Las Casas, a former slave owner who became Bishop of Chiapas, described these exploits. “Such inhumanities and barbarisms were committed in my sight as no age can parallel,” he wrote. “My eyes have seen these acts so foreign to human nature that now I tremble as I write.”

Columbus enslaved the Native people for gold.

Because Columbus reported a plethora of Natives for slaves, rivers of gold and fertile pastures to Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand, Columbus was given 17 ships and more than 1,200 men on his next expedition. However, Columbus had to deliver. In the next few years, Columbus was desperate to fulfill those promises, hundreds of Native slaves died on their way back to Spain and gold was not as bountiful as expected.

Columbus presents Native Americans to Queen Isabella.

Columbus forced the Natives to work in gold mines until exhaustion. Those who opposed were beheaded or had their ears cut off.

In the provinces of Cicao all persons over 14 had to supply at least a thimble of gold dust every three months and were given copper necklaces as proof of their compliance. Those who did not fulfill their obligation had their hands cut off, which were tied around their necks while they bled to death, some 10,000 died handleless.

In two years’ time, approximately 250,000 Indians on Haiti were dead. Many deaths included mass suicides or intentional poisonings or mothers killing their babies to avoid persecution.

According to Columbus, in a few years before his death, “Gold is the most precious of all commodities; gold constitutes treasure, and he who possesses it has all he needs in the world, as also the means of rescuing souls from purgatory, and restoring them to the enjoyment of paradise.”

Columbus provided native sex slaves to his men.

In addition to putting the Natives to work as slaves in his gold mines, Columbus also sold sex slaves to his men, some as young as 9. Columbus and his men also raided villages for sex and sport.

In the year 1500, Columbus wrote “A hundred castellanoes are as easily obtained for a woman as for a farm, and it is very general and there are plenty of dealers who go about looking for girls; those from nine to ten are now in demand.”

Columbus’ men used Native people as dog food.

In the early years of Columbus’ conquests there were butcher shops throughout the Caribbean where Indian bodies were sold as dog food. There was also a practice known as the montería infernal, the infernal chase, or manhunt, in which Indians were hunted by war-dogs.

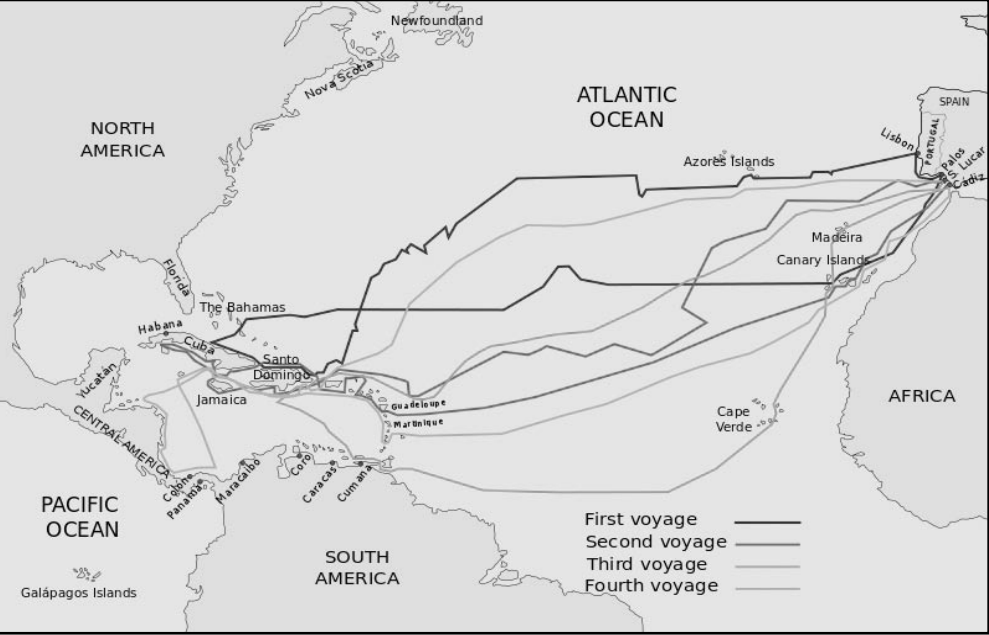
These dogs, who also wore armor and had been fed human flesh, were a fierce match for the Indians. Live babies were also fed to these war dogs as sport, sometimes in front of horrified parents.

Columbus returned to Spain in shackles, but was pardoned.

After a multitude of complaints against Columbus about his mismanagement of the island of Hispaniola, a royal commissioner arrested Columbus in 1500 and brought him back to Spain in chains.

Though he was stripped of his governor title, he was pardoned by King Ferdinand, who then subsidized a fourth voyage.

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didn’t land on the higher 48, ever. Columbus quite literally landed in what is now known as the Bahamas and later Hispaniola, present-day Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Upon arrival, Columbus and his expedition of weapon laden Spaniards met the Arawaks, Tainos and Lucayans, all friendly, according to Columbus’ writings. Soon after arriving, Columbus wrecked the Santa Maria and the Arawaks worked for hours to save the crew and cargo.

Impressed with the friendliness of the native people, Columbus seized control of the land in the name of Spain. He also helped himself to some locals. In his journal he wrote:

as tolerated by Columbus.

This is supported by a reported close friend of Columbus, Michele de Cuneo who wrote the first disturbing account of a relation between himself and a Native female gift given to him by Columbus.

“While I was in the boat I captured a very beautiful Carib woman, whom the said Lord Admiral gave to me, and with whom, having taken her into my cabin, she being naked according to their custom, I conceived desire to take pleasure. I wanted to put my desire into execution but she did not want it and treated me with her finger nails in such a manner that I wished I had never begun. But seeing that (to tell you the end of it all), I took a rope and thrashed her

Playground of the Native Son screens in Tulsa

By Jami Custer, Cherokee Phoenix Reporter
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TULSA, Okla. – “Playground of the Native Son,” a documentary depicting the 1920s Hominy Indians football team, was given a private screening to select guests on Oct. 15 at the Mayo Hotel.

The film is based on the story of the 1925 Hominy Indians professional football team that beat the NFL New York Giants, a true “David and Goliath” story, according to its description.

“We had a preview of a rough cut of the movie coinciding with National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and the Osage Nation Congress sponsored it, so we were able to have a screening of all the cast members, the crew and certain people that were involved in the film. It was a private screening,” Celia Xavier, independent film producer, said.

Xavier said her goal with the film is to shift the perception of how the world views Native Americans.

“I really, deeply feel so strongly that they’re not portrayed properly, and people just have this stereotypical image of what Native Americans have done, are and have achieved. So my goal is to change that,” she said.

Different tribal nations are represented in the film, including its actors. Xavier said the Hominy Indians team founders were Osage, but many of its players came from other tribes.

“A lot of the players were gathered from all over different boarding schools, military school in Oklahoma during that time,” she said. “What’s documented is that over 22 different tribes were represented.”

Some of those tribes include Arapaho, Creek, Cherokee, Sac and Fox, Osage, Pottawattamie and Blackfoot.

Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen John Levi Jr., son of Hominy Indians player John Levi Sr., attended the debut. He said Xavier contacted him about the film and wanted to interview him about his father.

“And wanted to know a little about his life and his coaching experience at Haskell (boarding school) and his play-

ing days and also when he played for the Hominy Indians,” Levi Jr. said.

He said the film was “awesome” and he couldn’t believe how well documented it was.

“What I really liked about this film was the Indian aspect. It covered the culture, the different ceremonies and the team itself,” he said. “It wasn’t a ‘Hollywood’ film. It was Indian Country and I really like it.”

Portions of the film showed notable players, including Levi Sr., as well as Jim Thorpe.

“When he (Thorpe) would come to Haskell he would come over to the house and visit and then they’d put on their exhibition,” Levi Jr. said. “Where he (Thorpe) would kick the ball and my father would pass it ... I guess it was quite an exhibition.”

Cherokee Nation citizen Stacey Nofire of Tulsa played quarterback in the re-enactment scenes. He said he was excited to be a part of the film.

“I am still really excited about it because it’s a very admirable thing in our history as a Native people, and I wish that I could have stepped or had a chance to step into something like that in my life to represent our people so strongly and proudly,” Nofire said. “As an actor for it, I feel lucky to have gotten the chance to be in a film such as this.”

Xavier said the film, which began production in 2012, has come a long way due to the many people who be-



Photo by Jami Custer, Cherokee Phoenix
John Levi Jr., center, poses for photos on Oct. 15 at the Mayo Hotel in Tulsa, Okla., with cast members of “Playground of the Native Son,” a documentary of the Hominy Indians football team from the 1920s. Levi is the son of one of the 1920s Hominy Indians.

lieved in it.

“They know the importance and the statement this film makes. You know, it’s not about me. It’s about this story. And this story is so incredible. It’s one of the greatest stories ever told or I should say one of the greatest stories ever untold that I can imagine. I think its time has come. I’m just very happy that it has gone this far,” she said. “We (Native Americans) want to be visible in the media. We want to have a place and a voice in today’s media, and I think the powers that be have suppressed stories like this and with the coming out of this movie, its not going to happen anymore.”

Xavier said before releasing the film publicly she plans to enter it into several major film festivals, including the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. “If it can get into Sundance, because my co-director is a Sundance alum and so is my composer, it is such a huge platform that from there we can take it to the world.”

She said she’s looking at least six months to a year before getting the film into production for purchase.

Time to cowboy up, Indian National Finals Rodeo

(LAS VEGAS, NEV) The field of play is raked and ready as are the cowboys and the critters, it’s championship rodeo time as a field of all Native American cowboys and cowgirls again chase the gold buckle dream at the 2013 Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR), Nov. 5-9, 2013 at South Point Arena in Las Vegas.

Billed as the largest and longest-running professional Indian rodeo organization in the world, INFR General Manager Donna Hoyt notes, “We’ve become a premier event where cowboys can come and make some good money.”

And they all arrive optimistically prepared to do so. Like eight time world champion Joe Beaver advises, “If you don’t think you can win when you get to the rodeo, there’s no sense in going.”

This year the 38th annual gathering will bring together an estimated 500 contestants representing more than 50 tribes from the U.S. and Canada.

“Most Indian kids grew up riding horses,” said bareback rider Buck Lunak, PRCA cowboy and 2012 INFR champion. “We’ve always been great horsemen and grew up with a cowboy way of life.”

Veteran competitor Donna Small, a World Champion as well as a three time Tour Champion (and owner of Boogie, three time Horse of the Year), has been in the game long enough to say ‘This ain’t my first rodeo,’ and offers some pointers to new arrivals.

“Competitors who get invited to the INFR Finals are already recognized winners. You’ve succeeded by just being here and win, lose, or draw, it’s icing on the cake, a reward for all your hard work. Be grateful to your support team and let them share in your achievement. Be kind to your horse and your competitors. Kick the butterflies. Don’t think about your competitors because you can’t ride their horse and they can’t

ride yours. And remember as you dress for your event that we all put our Wranglers on the same way, relax, wear a big smile, and enjoy the ride!”

Another been there, done that, veteran, Victor Begay, hasn’t become complacent over his years of competition in the saddle, but has come to recognize that each time he puts on a number, he narrows his focus and reminds himself, “It’s only a horse and you’ll figure something out.”

Lunak said his secret to success is “getting good cattle and roping with the right partner.” World champion breakaway roper Wahlean ‘Bobbie’ Riggs said, “I do what I have to do and hope my horse does the rest,” while bull rider Cameron Bruised Head advises, “Don’t get too overwhelmed, just take ‘um one at a time.”

While rodeo builds camaraderie among the contestants who are trying to keep their wallets filled as they climb the points ladder, it builds closer ties in rodeo families.

“My wife, son, and I all compete,” says INFR Commissioner Bo Vocu. “It’s fun because we spend our whole

summer together competing and there are few things in life in which the entire family can be involved.”

Despite the need for a competitive spirit, there is also a togetherness factor said former breakaway champion Yolanda Nez.

“When you enter the arena, you feel accepted. It’s like breathing in fresh air. The arena can be nerve racking, soothing, and exciting all at the same time, but those feelings only tell me the traveling, training, and preparation were worth it and the elements can now all come together in rhythm.”

Team roper Clint Harry (who partners with fellow PRCA Cowboy and INFR Tour Champion Casey Cummins) said, “If you’ve prepared right and are confident, you know you’re ready. So you use what you draw and rope smart. Believe in yourself and don’t hold back. You put in the work to qualify, now go and make it happen.”

Spectators can look forward to both afternoon and evening performances daily from Nov. 5-8 with the Junior/Senior Championships and the Championship round slated for Nov. 9.



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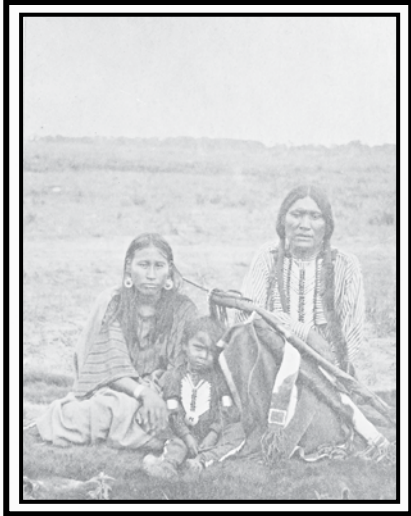
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Arapaho family.



An unidentified Arapaho woman.



Bird Chief, Arapaho.



Bird Chief Jr., Arapaho.



Watan-gaa or Black Coyote, Arapaho. The city of Watonga was named after him and he was born about 1852.



Cheyenne Madonna.



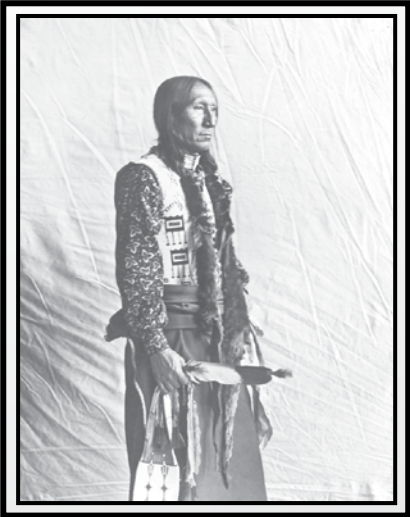
Chief Bushy Head, Cheyenne, 1904.



Duke Buffalo



Vig-si-ugastis or Heap of Birds, Cheyenne.



Cohoe, called Lame Man, Cheyenne, January 1899.



Nawat or Left Hand, Principal Chief, Arapaho.



Little Man or Hachii, Cheyenne Arrowkeeper.



Little Raven, Arapaho.



Little Raven, Jr., Arapaho, born 1864, hometown Cantonment, Okla.



Hahki oomah or Little Robe, Cheyenne.



Mrs. John Stanton, Cheyenne wearing dress decorated with dentalium shells and necklace of hair pipes and beads.



Nakeimens and Hapei, Charles Murphy and wife, Cheyenne, 1908.



Powder Face in war costume, married a Gros Ventres and died at Belknap about 1909.



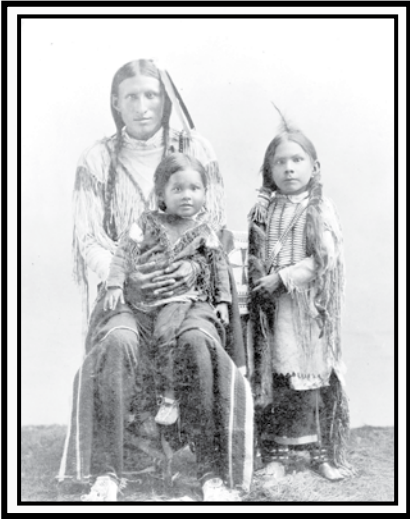
Scabby Bull ? identified as Black Crow, (Arapaho) by Jesse Rowledge.



Hanacha-Thiak or Sitting Bull, born 1854. The Arpaho Apostle and leader of Ghost Dance.

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An unidentified Cheyenne man with two children, 1809-1907.



Washi or Elk, Arapaho, former U.S. scout, delegate to Washington, D.C., 1898.



White Shield, Cheyenne.



White Shirt, Arapaho, born 1865, hometown Canton, Okla.



Wife and daughters of Man on a Cloud, Cheyenne, 1892.



Honii-osasvists or Wolf in the Middle, Cheyenne, 1908.



Yellow Bear, Arapaho.



Stump Iron, Cheyenne (one of Lt. E.W. Casey's scouts) and his family, with horse travois, 1889.



An Arapaho camp (Cut Hair's camp according to print in Quaker collection, Haverford College Library.) Date not recorded, estimated 1867-1874.



Cheyenne and Arapaho delegation.



Arapaho tipi and wind break at Darlington, Okla., 1891.



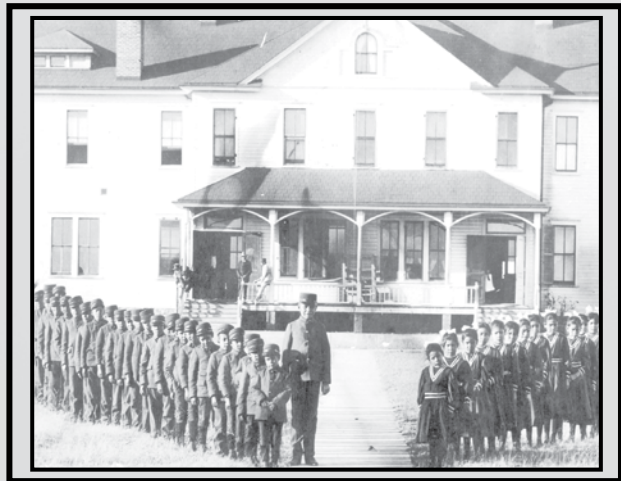
Group of children posed in front of Cantonment Boarding School, Cantonment, Okla., 1899-1900.



(l-r) Henry Roman Nose, Cheyenne, Yellow Bear, Cheyenne and Lame Man (Cohoe), Cheyenne, 1899.



Group of Arapaho men, no other info provided



Cantonment Indian School, Cantonment, Okla., 1908.



Newat's (Arapaho) camp, on the North Canadian River, Okla., 1893.



John Otterby (standing), Cheyenne, Thunder Bull, Cheyenne, Prairie Chief, Cheyenne, Wolf Chief, Cheyenne and Scabby Big Back, Cheyenne, 1911.

Ft. Marion history

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Darlington, across the North Canadian River, north of present day El Reno, while the allotting was being readied. The conditions were not good there. The Indians were not alled to leave Darlington, event to hunt. The rations the agent received for them spoiled most of the time. There were illnesses and many deaths at this time. To make matters worse, the Army brought in Northern Cheyenne bands to the already overcrowded camp grounds.

Finally, dissatisfied with the spoiled rations and living conditions at Darlington, Northern Chiefs, Dull Knife and Little Wolf set out with their bands for Montana. They were followed a short time later by another Northern Cheyenne band led by Bull Elk Sr.

Books have been written and a movie made about these

people fighting their way north in 40 degree below zero weather. Little Wolf making it to Montana, Dull Knife and his band were imprisoned at Ft. Robinson. The Army attached Bull Elks’ band in northeastern Wyoming, killing him and one of his wives, several of his children and numerous members of his band. Ironically, the survivors of these torturous marches settled in Montana, their homeland.

In 1875 the Army began arresting warriors they thought were guilty of crimes against the whites. Nearly all of the prisoners were survivors of the Army’s massacres at Sand Creek and the Washita, losing family members in these attacks, and some took part in the Dog Soldiers’ revenge fights.

The prisoners fully believed they would be killed when they arrived at Ft. Marion. White Bear (Gray Beard, Wolfe

Grey) enroute to Ft. Marion, knew he would be shot and possibly killed if he made an escape attempt. He jumped from the train and was shot and killed. Gray Beard and his family had been in Black Kettle’s camp on Sand Creek when Chivington attacked.

Despite their fears, the Ft. Marion Indian prisoners were well treated. They learned various trades that would be helpful to them when they returned to their reservations. Many took up “art” which became know as “Ledger Drawings”. They went to the white man’s church and learned. They also worshipped one God.

The present day descendants of the Cheyenne and Arapaho prisoners are thankful to know their ancestors were treated well by the people of Ft. Marion and surrounding towns.

Clinton Indian Church dedicates new playground Nov. 2

Submitted by Rev. Donna Pewo, Clinton Indian Church and Community

TheClintonIndianChurch and Community Center will be dedicating the new playground in memory of the late Arleigh R. Rhoads.

Rhoads was the Lay Missioner for the Clinton Indian United Methodist Church until his death in November 2006.

Rhoads played a vital part of the children ministry that is now the main focus at the church. As the traditional worship service slowly faded away, the children of the neighborhood continued to attend the church faithfully.

The church continued until 2008 when an application was presented to the General Board of Global Ministries that Clinton UMC becomes the Clinton Indian Church and Community Center. This was approved and a church and community worker was appointed out of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

Rhoads discovered as a young man his purpose in life, which was to serve the Lord. He spent his life as a Headsman for his Cheyenne people and instilling in his children to be respectful for

all other tribes and he reminded us to never forget we can do nothing without God’s help.

Rhoads was a board member, charter member of the Chamber of Commerce, and volunteer for the Youth Mentoring program. He was a lay speaker and faithful member of the Clinton Indian United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir. Rhoads was quite the vocalist and enjoyed singing with the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Churches.

Rhoads often spoke about the need for ministry among the young people in Clinton. He often spoke about the children and youth who made their way to church anytime the doors were opened. Therefore the major focus of CCCCC is the Native American children of Clinton.

Once the church turned into a children’s ministry it now serves approximately 40 Cheyenne and Arapaho children within the neighborhood and community. Several of the youth today made the transformation with the

church when they were small children.

TheChurch and Community Center’s emphasis on children and young people is to empower and encourage children to fulfill their potential and to dream of future with hope. With positive emphasis on the rich cultural background that they come from and by rethinking the church’s concepts of mission, we trust that life and freedom in Jesus Christ will shine through in all the work that is done and through the power of Jesus Christ we can undo past damage inflicted by the Church on the Native people of this area and begin a positive relationship between the church and community.

The playground, which is



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The Providence church is a covenant partner with the Clinton Indian Church and Community Center. They continue to support and encourage the ministry of the Church and Community Center with their finances, their love for the children, youth, and mission work.

Hiring event to connect companies and military personnel Nov. 7

Oklahoma Military Connection Media Release

STILLWATER, Okla. – A visit earlier this year to Ft. Sill, Okla., led Illinois residents and military veterans Marcus and Laura Powell to Oklahoma CareerTech’s military hiring event, new jobs and a new home.

The couple was visiting Ft. Sill to see if they wanted to live in the area with their three children, Laura Powell said. They picked up the post newspaper, saw an advertisement for the hiring event sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education and six other entities, updated their resumes and attended, and each of them got a new job out of it.

Marcus Powell, who served for 10 years in the Iowa Army National Guard and deployed to Iraq in 2003, started his new job at Southwestern Oklahoma Juvenile Center in Manitou in September after having been unemployed for 20 months, his wife said.

Laura Powell, who served 25.5 years in the U.S. Army Reserve and Iowa Army National Guard and retired in March, interviewed at the fair with The GEO Group Inc., which operates the Lawton Correctional Facility. In September, the company offered her a job.

“It was by far the best job fair that we have ever been to. We couldn’t believe the number of vendors who were present and how helpful they were,” she said. “They welcomed us with open arms and seemed most ea-

ger to interview us and/or offer us a job.”

Oklahoma’s military-affiliated residents looking for employment and companies looking for employees will get the same chance to connect at a hiring event in Stillwater, Okla., in November.

The Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, along with five other entities, will hold the hiring event Nov. 7 at Meridian Technology Center in Stillwater. In addition to ODCTE and Meridian Technology Center, other sponsors are Oklahoma State University, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission and the Oklahoma National Guard Employment Coordination Program.

Military personnel preparing for separation from active service, Guard and Reserve members and veterans will be able to meet with participating employers who have jobs to fill. The employers will conduct preliminary interviews at the event.

A similar event in June at Ft. Sill drew 334 individuals, 62 companies and six veteran service organizations. Companies conducted more than 173 interviews as a direct result of the event and made 63 job offers.

“Most companies have told us that this was the best event that they have attended and have asked to be invited to the next event,” said Levi Valdois, CareerTech military liaison and co-

ordinator of military initiatives, after the event.

The hiring event in Stillwater will be a little different. It will be open only to military-related job seekers from 10:30 a.m. to noon, but from noon to 2:30 p.m., it will be open to anyone looking for a career, including those with military affiliations

Those with military affiliations planning to attend the event should preregister and provide their career objectives and job skills so they can be matched with employers looking for workers like them. Others planning to attend in the afternoon do not need to preregister.

The hiring event will be from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Industrial Development Center at Meridian Technology Center, 1312 S. Sangre Road in Stillwater, Okla.

Military personnel preparing for separation from active service, Guard and Reserve members and veterans can register at www.secure.jotformpro.com/okcareertech/okmilitaryjob-seeker.

Employers can register at www.secure.jotformpro.com/okcareertech/okmilitaryemployer.

For more information, visit www.OkMilitaryConnection.com or contact Valdois at (405) 743-5573 or lvald@okcareertech.org or Bobby Bryant, OESC local veterans’ employment representative, at (405) 624-1450 or Bobby.Bryant@oesc.state.ok.us.

Democratic vote

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the use of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal name. I am here today to inform you that the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, as a sovereign entity, do not endorse same sex marriages. Because Blackbear/ Pickel made public their ability to receive a marriage license, because the erroneous conclusion made by a non-tribal member attorney that the 1998 Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Law and Order Codes did not specify the sex of marital partners, so it must be okay to issue a marriage license to individuals of the same sex. The attorney ignored basic legal tenet on ‘what did the framers intend.’ In 1985 through 1988, when the Cheyenne and Arapaho Law and Order Code as presented to our tribal communities as an Ordinance, it is highly unlikely that elders, such as my parents, intended to endorse same sex marriage by remaining silent. It is more likely that the tribal communities could not fathom that there would come a time when individuals of the same sex would seek to legally marry.

On the issue of Tradition-alism ... as a woman, I must defer to the traditional leaders of our tribes who are all of the male gender. What I can inform you is that our ceremonies have specific roles for women and specific roles for men. I am an elder of our tribes, meaning I am over the age of 55. In all my years I have never seen a man taking on a woman role nor have I seen a woman taking on a man role. Historically the Cheyennes were accepting of men who were different. In his writings, George Bird Grinnell makes reference to the ‘contrary’s and/or bier dash.’ Those individuals were accepted. But acceptance of an individuals’ personal sexual behavior did not mean then, nor does it mean now, that the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes endorse same sex marriage.

Please refrain from calling, emailing, texting, facebooking or tweeting our tribal members and cursing them about this one incident that Blackbear and Pickel have used to make themselves infamous at the expense of the Cheyenne and Arapaho

tribes.

On a personal note, I believe in God and do not believe that same sex marriage is a biblical teaching. As a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, I have never heard or witnessed any traditional teachings that endorses the practice of ‘same sex marriage.’ This morning, I speak as a tribal member, a mother and grandmother.

There is a democratic process within our tribal government. I intend to present this issue to our Legislative Branch and ask them to sponsor a Law, that prohibit and outlaw any same sex marriages in the future.”

Amber Bighorse, Cheyenne and Arapaho Lt. Gov., sent a message via phone to Cheyenne and Arapaho Legislative Clerk, Ramona Tallbear. She stated, in part, “I do not believe in discriminating against others based on our differences as humans, whether those differences are physical, religious or with respect to the conversation today, based on sexual orientation. I think that if we, as a community start contemplating the legitimacy of gay marriages, it would be a step backward. As of right now, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes are standing out and doing something very forward-thinking by treating our gay brothers and sisters as true equals in this world. I wholeheartedly support marriage equality, and I am so proud to be a Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member and leader at this moment in our history.”

Currently there are six Native American tribes in the U.S. that recognize and allow same sex marriages. The issue was voted on by their tribal members as a whole. They are the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Couille tribes, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa tribes, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi tribe, the Santa Ysabel tribes and the Suquamish tribes.

Tribes who currently do not allow nor recognize same sex marriages are the Cherokee Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, the Iowa tribe of Oklahoma, Muscogee Creek Nation and the Navajo Nation.

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Education Outreach welcomes new staff

The Education Outreach program has recently hired four new staff members to begin education outreach services. Please help us welcome Veronica Bruesch, Carressa James, Sheena Gaines, and Carrie Orange.

Brusch and James will have emphasis on Title VII Outreach. They will begin outreach with schools within the Cheyenne and Arapaho service areas to enhance parental involvement in the local public school's Title VII program.

Their office is located in Concho, Okla., at the Department of Education facility. Brusch can be reached by cell at (405) 543-8543 and James can be reached at (405) 501-3942.

All parents of Indian children who attend a local public school within our tribal service areas are eligible for Title VII and are strongly encouraged to inquire how their school is meeting the needs of their student.

The Title VII program requires a parent committee to approve the annual application for funding that is submitted by the school. If parents feel that the school does not adequately provide academic or cultural support and see limited or no results within their student's performance, they are encouraged to contact these ladies to find out how they can be a part of the Title VII process to address concerns or services with the school's administration.

Often times the lack of parental involvement hampers the schools' ability to identify what programs are needed to implement to enhance native student achievement. Partnering with the tribes, helps to empower parents to seek change and possibly improve services for native students.

Gaines and Orange will be serving as counselors for the Tribal Youth and Adult Education Program. Both counselors are responsible for coordinating weekly afterschool programs for 7th-12th grade students, and scheduling GED services in their communities which include official GED pretests, tutoring, computer literacy course, and windows office programs instruction.

Beginning Nov. 5, 2013 on Tuesdays and Thursday from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., outreach staff will provide Tai-Chi, Moving for a Better Balance program for elders age 55 and above in the local community halls of Concho, Canton, Clinton, Hammon, and Watonga.

Gaines is located at the Canton Community Center inside the computer lab. We have six computers, two of which are designated for on-line GED tutoring. The remaining computers are available for those needing to access for job search and creating documents, but participants will need to complete a computer user agreement, copy of CDIB, and must save all files to a thumb drive.

To contact Gaines, please call cell phone (405) 201-1310, or email sgaines@c-a-tribes.org.

Orange will be housed at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority computer lab in Clinton on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. She will be in Hammon on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

From 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. she will provide the Tai-Chi, Moving for a Better Balance at the Hammon Community Hall and from 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. she will conduct the Hammon Tribal Youth Program.

During the days she will be providing GED services and building relationship with Hammon schools to increase student performance. To contact Orange, please call her cell phone at (405) 308-9145.

We welcome our new staff and are eager for them to begin outreach service in your community.



Sheena Gaines



Carrie Orange

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
Education Outreach Program
Invites All Elders 55+
Beginning Tuesday, November 5th
10:00-11:00AM

Continuing **Every Tuesday & Thursday from 10-11AM** @ a Local Tribal Community Center

Beginning Tuesday, November 5th:

Canton Community Hall	Sheena Gaines	1-405-201-1310
Clinton Community Hall	Melissa Hamilton	1-580-331-2412
Hammon Community Hall	Carrie Orange	1-405-308-9145

Beginning Thursday, November 7th:

Concho Community Hall	Wayne Runnels	1-405-422-7918
Watonga Multipurpose Ctr	John WhiteEagle, Jr	1-580-623-2784

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE BENEFIT DANCE
NOVEMBER 16, 2013
CONCHO COMMUNITY HALL
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HEAD STAFF

MC: PAT MOORE SR., PAWNEE

HEAD SINGER: THUNDER LIEB, PONCA

HEAD MAN DANCER: DEION HENRY, CHEYENNE ARAPAHO

HEAD GOURD DANCER: CORBETT JONES, OTOE, PONCA, KIOWA

HEAD LADY DANCER: RAVEN MORGAN, CHEYENNE ARAPAHO, PAWNEE, OTOE

HEAD BOY DANCER: 2013 MISS INDIAN OKLAHOMA CITY

HEAD GIRL DANCER: JUDE SCOUT YARHOLAR, SAC&FOX, KIOWA, CREEK, PAWNEE, OTOE

ARENA DIRECTOR: MALI COOPER YOUNGMAN, COMANCHE, ARAPAHO, MS CHOCTAW - 2013 COMANCHE NATION JR PRINCESS

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PROGRAM

2:00 PM - GOURD DANCE

5:30 PM - SUPPER BREAK - HA'STYLEZ PERFORMANCE

6:30 PM - GOURD DANCE

8:00 PM - GRAND ENTRY

CONTESTS - DANCE REGISTRATION CLOSSES AT 7PM

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THANKSGIVING
COMMUNITY MEALS**

ALL MEALS SERVED AT 6 P.M.

Nov. 4-Seiling Community
Canton Community Gym

Nov. 5-Clinton Community Center
Hammon Community Center

Elk City-Gathering Place

Nov. 6-Watonga Multi-Purpose Building
Geary Community Center

Kingfisher-Snyder's Catering

Nov. 7-Weatherford Pioneer Center
Concho Community Center

Oklahoma City-Biltmore Hotel
401 S. Meridian

THANKSGIVING

Chicken Pot Pie

Cooking with USDA Foods

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1 medium onion, chopped (about 1/2 cup)

1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or Healthy Request®)

1/2 cup milk

1 package (10 ounces) frozen peas and carrots

2 cups cubed cooked chicken or turkey

1 package (10 ounces) Pepperidge Farm® Puff Pastry Shells, prepared according to package directions

Heat the oil in a 10-inch skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until tender, stirring occasionally.

Stir the soup, milk and peas and carrots in the skillet and heat to a boil. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. Add the chicken and cook until the mixture is hot and bubbling.

Friday November 15, 2013

Open to all Tribal Elders 55 yrs & older

Concho Community Hall, Concho, OK

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Contact Diabetes Wellness Program at 405-422-7723

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

Conducting Credible Tribal Elections Nov. 7-8, 2013 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com .	agement Symposium Nov. 18-19, 2013 at the La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org .	Dec. 9-11, 2013 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com .	Venetian in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.naihc.net .
Tribal Grants Management Certification Program Nov. 18-22, 2013 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com .	Team Building in the Tribal Workplace Nov. 20-22, 2013 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com .	Education in Indian Country Conference Dec. 9-10, 2013 at the Morongo Casino Resort and Spa in Cabazon, Calif. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org .	National Indian Board Members Summit Dec. 11-13, 2013 at the Westin Las Vegas hotel in Las Vegas, NV. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com .
Tribal Financial Man-	Employment Law for Tribes and Tribal Organizations	National American Indian Housing Council's Legal Symposium Dec. 10-11, 2013 at the	Indian Country's Supervision and Management Summit Dec. 11-13, 2013 at the Westin Las Vegas hotel in Las Vegas, NV. For more in-
			The fourth annual Native American Human Resources Conference Jan. 26-27, 2014 at the Penchange Casino Resort in Temecula, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org .
			Social Media for Tribal Governments Jan. 27-28, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com .
			Indian Housing Law Jan. 22-24, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com .

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DIABETES

November is National Diabetes Month

By Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

I want to take a few minutes to give you The Breakdown of the Affordable Care Act

I know you have a lot of questions so this article will focus on what you need to know about the Affordable Care Act.

Pre-Existing Conditions are now included, you or your children can't be denied coverage or have a waiting period for benefits because you may have diabetes or any other medical condition.

You may keep your children on your health insurance until they are 26.

The insurance company cannot revoke your coverage for filing a claim as long as you are current on your premiums.

You have the right to ask that your plan reconsider its denial of payment.

Ends Lifetime limits on coverage and the insurance company cannot just

raise premiums, they must publicly justify any rate hikes.

Your premium dollars must be spent on healthcare, not administrative cost.

So, what do you need to do? It was put into law permanently reauthorizing The Indian Health Services. If you are 65 or older you don't need to do anything, if you are between the ages of 19 and 64 it is mandatory that you have health insurance. If you do not have health insurance a tax penalty will be assessed. There is a hardship waiver that all Native American need to apply for (it is also called the shared responsibility payment). You will still be liable for the tax penalty if you do not go to the healthcare market place and apply for exempt status.

Here is the link to the healthcare marketplace:

The Diabetes Wellness program will have a benefits representative from the

Clinton Service Unit at The Elders Conference on November 15, 2013 at the Concho Community Hall to help with any questions.

To raise Awareness of World Diabetes Day November 14, 2013 and in collaboration with The American Heart Association the Diabetes Wellness Program is sponsoring The 2nd Annual Honoring he Beat of Life Powwow November 9, 2013 at the Reed Conference Center, 5800 Will Rogers Road, Midwest City, OK. We will have a health fair until noon, and a 1 mile family run/walk at 7:00 a.m. Please come and join us for this event.

For more information and help in making healthy changes contact the Diabetes Wellness Program at (405) 422-7685.

Sources www.healthcare.gov, Sept. 2013, Clinton Service Unit Newsletter.

Head Start program receives furniture donations

Submitted article

Three Feathers Associates, based out of Norman, Okla. donated office furniture and supplies to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Head Start Program in October 2013.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Education Executive Director, Teresa Dorsett stated in a letter to Three Feather Associates' President, Toni Dobrec, "On



behalf of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Head Start Program and Education Department, we are writing this letter to say thank you for the generous donation of office furniture and supplies. We are always looking to expand our services and programs to tribal members and your donation assisted at a time when the furniture and equipment was much needed. You can be assured that each piece of furniture and equipment that Ms. Berg (Head Start director) obtained will be used by the Head Start Program and a few education programs including our tribes' language program. We recent received a new ANA grant and through your do-



nation, were able to furnish the office of the new employees even before they were hired. We appreciate the work you do with our Tribal Head Start program and look forward to many more years of collaboration and work provided on behalf of our children."

C-A tribes Adult Education Program hold GED pre-testing dates before the New Year

Dates for the Hammon are, Nov. 5, 7, 19 and 21, 2013. Dec. 3 and 5, 2013. Dec. 5 is the last GED Pre-testing date before the change.

Dates for the Clinton area are Nov. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2013. Dec. 4 and 11, 2013. Dec.11 is the last GED Pre-testing date before the change.

Accommodations can be made to help in the success of all tribal members' needs.

For new enrollees please arrive ten minutes prior to

starting to fill out applications at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority in Clinton, Okla., (next to the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. office at the South entrance).

Additional GED tutoring will be available and is open to all Native Americans residing in the Cheyenne and Arapaho sservice areas or surrounding communities.

Must meet Cheyenne and Arpaho Adult Education Program requirements. If under 18 years of age you must bring an official OSDE U-18

release form signed. Bring copy of Certification Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) or Tribal identification.

If you are not a current Adult Ed participant, please come early to complete an application.

Official GED Pretest will only be given on this day for the Clinton Area. To ensure successful planning, please be present and on time.

For more information, please contact Adult Education Counselor Carrie Orange at (405) 308-9145.

Clinton Community Center rental fee increases

The community center that the Housing Authority constructed and owns at 2015 Dog Patch Road in Clinton, Okla., was built with American Recovery Reinvestment Act 2009 grant funds that were intended to stimulate the local economy.

The funding was also to stabilize State and local government budgets. The center has been open now over a year, and several issues have come up during that time.

Every effort is being taken

to insure personal safety is met, and Housing will have the local tribal security and BIA police to monitor the facility during weekends.

There will be no alcohol/illegal drugs or firearms allowed in the facility by patrons who rent it. Security or BIA police will occasionally drop in to ensure that the event is running smoothly and peacefully.

This facility is open to the public because of the funding that was used to construct it

with.

The rental fee will be increasing beginning Dec. 1, 2013 from \$150 to \$200, and still requires a \$100 refundable clean up deposit.

This increase will help to offset maintenance of the facility. No rental fees apply to tribal programs but they are still required to sign a rental agreement.

Rental fees will be waived for wakes and funerals and will be considered a priority when scheduling events.

C-A Hammon Tribal Youth Program invites all Native American students 7th thru 12th grade to attend the Hammon TYP After School Program

Beginning on Nov. 5, 2013, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Hammon Community Bldg. from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Students will learn leadership skills, Compete in various health and recreation activities to help build character, sportsmanship and teamwork as well as participate in cultural and language activities.

Health and Wellness activities, Community Incentive and summer field trips

are given throughout the year.

Transportation will be provided upon pick up from schools. Parents are encouraged to pick up their children and are welcomed to get involved. Snacks will be provided as well as tutoring assistance for all students.

For more information about registration please contact Carrie Orange TYP Counselor at (405) 308-9145.

C-A Head Start Day



On Oct. 22, 2012 Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma's Gov. Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell and El Reno Mayor, Matt White made a Proclamation declaring October 22 as "Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start Day".

In celebration of the first anniversary of this Proclamation, the staff and children of the Concho Head Start Center hosted a reception and one-year birthday celebration on Oct. 22, 2013 in Concho, Okla.

The students sang happy birthday and enjoyed a piece of birthday cake along with teachers, staff and guests.



Clinton Indian Church Playground Dedication

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013 at the Clinton Indian Church and Community Center, 1801 N. Littel Ave., Clinton, Okla. Please R.S.V.P. to Donna Pewo at (405) 550-0141.

The 19th annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner-Free to Everyone

12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013 at the Canadian County Fairgrounds 4-H Building, Country Club Drive and West Foreman in El Reno, Okla. To volunteer call (405) 262-2152.

Red Moon Powwow Committee Benefit Dance

Nov. 2, 2013 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla. All proceeds will be donated to the annual Red Moon powwow. For more information contact Cheryl Carter at (580) 275-8387.

Lucky Star Casino presents Up In Smoke Tour with Cheech-n-Chong, War and Tower of Power

Nov. 8, 2013 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. For more information or tickets visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

Benefit Dance for Hammon Holiday Committee

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013 at the Hommon Community Center in Hammon, Okla. Gourd dance at 3 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. followed by dance. All proceeds will be donated to the Christmas and New Year's Eve dances. For more information (580) 473-2064.

The second annual Honoring the Beat of Life Powwow

Nov. 9, 2013 at the Reed Conference Center in Midwest City, Okla. Registration for 1 mile family fun run/walk at 7:30 a.m. Health fair and free health screenings from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. followed by lunch. Gourd dance at 2 p.m., supper break at 5:30 p.m. Contest registration opens at 6 p.m. with Grand Entry at 7 p.m. For vendors and more information contact Rachel Crawford at (405) 593-6931.

All Veteran Honor Dance Hosted by the American Legion Post 401

3 p.m., Monday, Nov. 11, 2013 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Dinner served at 5 p.m. A special invitation goes out to all WWII Veterans. Open category dance contests, men and women's 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, along with Tiny Tot Contest. Vendors welcomed.

Veteran's Honor Dance

Nov. 11, 2013 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Center in Watonga, Okla. Gourd dance begins at 2 p.m. followed by supper at 6 p.m. For more information contact James Blackbear Jr. at (580) 614-1877 or Sabrina West at (405) 589-8324.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Elder's Conference

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Nov. 15, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. All tribal elders are invited to attend. For more information contact the Diabetes Wellness Program at (405) 422-7723.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Indian Child Welfare Benefit Dance

Nov. 16, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance begins at 2 p.m., supper at 5:30 p.m., Inter-Tribal contests at 8 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the 2013 ICW foster children Christmas party and dinner. All princesses are invited and attendees are encouraged to bring one child's Christmas gift to donate to the ICW foster children.

80th Birthday Honor Dance for Herschel L. Kaulaity

Nov. 23, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 1 p.m., supper at 5:30, Processional and Kiowa War Mother Songs at 7 p.m. followed by Inter-tribal dancing and special contests. Men's "old style" Northern Traditional (50 years and up) contest. First place, \$500, second place, \$300 and third place \$200, sponsored by Mary Kaulaity and Head Lady Dancer, Eloise Rice. For more information please call Mary at (661) 654-7152 or (661) 203-2938.

Curtis-Greany Family Thanksgiving

1 p.m., Nov. 28, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Families are asked to bring a family tree, photos and Thanksgiving dinner for their family. For more information call Butch Greany at (970) 563-3685, (970) 903-7777 or email cyblerights@yahoo.com.

Choctaw Nation Powwow

Nov. 29-30, 2013 at the Choctaw Nation Event Center in Durant, Okla. Dance competitions, arts and crafts vendors and food vendors. For more information visit www.choctaw-casinos.org.

Oklahoma City Powwow Club's New Year's Dance

Jan. 4, 2013 at the Cox Communications Building, Oklahoma City State Fairgrounds at 7 p.m. For more information contact Berdina Kodaseet at (405) 201-1283.

Special Memorial Services for Paul Travis Rhodes

April 11, 2014 Peyote meeting in Clinton, Okla. Supper at 5:30 p.m.

April 12, 2014 Gourd dance at 2p.m., supper at 5:30 p.m. at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. For more information contact Donna Martin at (918) 606-1447 or (918) 321-2654.

Happy birthday



Congratulations to Ashton Hamilton for making “A” Honor Roll at Darlington! We are so proud of you! Love all your family



Happy Birthday Johnnie! Wishing Johnathyn Adrian Yellow Eagle a Happy 12th Birthday. God Bless you and we want you to continue dancing, you were our best head little boy dancer, everyone loved you. We want you back in the circle, the arena, and want you to continue your cultural ways. We love you, from all your family.



Happy Birthday Cordell Ellis Happy Belated Birthday Jarell Lowe You're both precious to us, love grandma and grandpa



Happy Birthday Rebekah Ellis Nov. 6 The Lord has blessed us with you. To many more birthday's!! We love you so very much, mom and dad



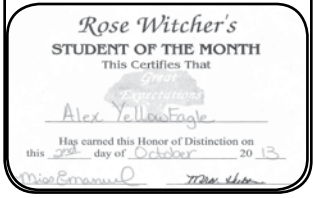
Congratulations to Bobby Hamilton for being recognized as an Academic Achiever at Darlington Elementary!!! We are so proud of you! Love all your family



Happy 3rd Birthday Jason X. Birdhead From your cousins, Charley family and your mother We love you son!



Alex Leonard Yellow Eagle, 1st grader at Rose Witcher Elementary in El Reno, Okla. received the award of October Student of the Month. Grandma took him shopping at their Book Fair. The Librarian, Mrs. Bark said, “Alex is very nice and he loves to read.” Mrs. Dupree, his computer teacher said. “Alex loves computer class.” His family said. “Read lots of books. Alex, we are very proud of you.”



Happy Belated 4th Birthday Mallory Burns Love your family



Happy 1st Birthday Danielle French Love your family



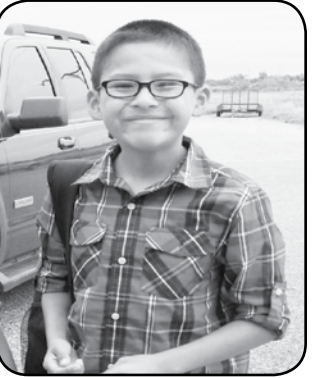
Happy 15th Birthday to our big “Ah Day Mah Taun” Rachelle Lynn RomanNose We are blessed to have such an amazing daughter. You have brought us so much joy and make us so proud. We hope your day is fabulous as you are! We love you so much! Mom, dad, Evan and the twins, Carter and Eryn.



Happy 1st Birthday princess Johanna Navanick A little bit of sunshine, she's a smile to light our days. She will steal your heart and keep it with her warm endearing ways. She's our precious little daughter, with a sweetness from above. Who will fill our years with laughter and our lives with lots of love We love you so much baby girl! Mommy, daddy and bubby! Also Happy Birthday Joe! Nov. 14 Happy Birthday Sofia Love you always! Nov. 20 Love LaLa, Johanna and Hunter



Congratulations Joshua Beaver For making the Darlington Principal's Honor Roll!!! Your family is so proud of you and love you so much! Your “secret” admirer says “Way to go Joshua!!!”



Happy 9th Birthday to Evan Patrick Roman Nose! We are so proud of you and we will always be there to cheer you on! We love you! Mom, dad, Chelle, Carter and Eryn



Happy 11th Birthday Joslyn Kay Jones “Star Woman” Nov. 11, 2002 We love you and are proud of you! Love, mama Laura, gremo, daddy Bill, Seneca, Marietta, Sprinkles, Whiskers and the hounds!!

Obituaries

In Loving Memory Alondra Leigh Sankey Dec. 2, 1976 – Oct. 13, 2013

A traditional Indian wake service was held for Alondra Leigh Sankey on Oct. 16, 2013 at the Canton Native American Gymnasium. Funeral services were held for her on Oct. 17, 2013 at the Canton School multi-purpose building in Canton, Okla. Alondra was born on Dec. 2, 1976 in Clinton, Okla. to Arapaho Chief Alonzo and Margaret (Redcherries) Sankey. She passed away on October 13, 2013 at OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Alondra graduated from Canton High School. She attended Chisholm Trail Vo-

Tech where she received her certificate in Computer Networking. She also attended Northwest Area Vo-Tech in Fairview and received a certificate in Culinary Arts. Alondra was going to become a chef. She was accepted at the Cordon Bleu Culinary School in Miami, Fla. starting in January of 2014. Alondra enjoyed life to the fullest. She enjoyed going to pow-wows, dances, hand-games, cooking, going to movies, meeting new people, fishing and helping others. She especially enjoyed going to Wyoming every summer. Alondra was preceded in



death by her parents Alonzo and Margaret Sankey, and her baby sister, Trudi. Survivors include her brother Scott Sankey, two sisters, Angie Sankey and Danette Hook, a brother Corbin Sankey, nieces Natasha, Logan and Hazel, all of Canton, Okla. along with many other extended family and friends; Condolences may be made online at www.haiglerpierce.com.

In Loving Memeory Robert Perry “Tubby” Todd Oct. 13, 1958 – Oct. 24, 2013



Robert Perry “Tubby” Todd was born in Clinton, Okla. on Oct. 13, 1958 to Joseph Ernest Sr. and Lucille (Tabor) Todd. He passed away on Oct. 24, 2013 in El Reno, Okla. at the age of 55. Grandpa Joe Sr. gave him the name Tubby when he was born and everyone has always called him this.

Tubby played football at Greenfield High School. He also went to school for aircraft mechanics in Denver, Colo. He enjoyed walking and enjoyed war movies, especially when it came to Custer. He will be greatly missed by all those who loved him. Survivors include his mother, Lucille Tabor Todd of Calumet, Okla., his sister Joella Hamm, his brothers, Joseph Todd and Roger Todd all of Calumet, Okla., everyone in the Yellow Eyes family, and many nieces

and nephews, as well as other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Todd Sr., brothers, James Gerald Todd and David Wilbur Todd, and sister, Jacquita Eileen Warner. An all night Wake service was held for Tubby on Oct. 27, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held for him on Oct. 28, 2013 also at the Concho Community Center.

In Lving Memory Travis Rhodes April 11, 1964 – Feb. 11, 2013



Paul Travis Rhodes, 48, went home to be with his Lord on Feb. 11, 2013. His dad, Spencer Paul Rhodes, preceded him in death. Paul was born April 11, 1964 at the Lawton Indian Hospital in Lawton, Okla.

His paternal great grandparents are Paul and Elk Roads, grandparents were Homer B. Lumpmouth and Josephine Roads Lumpmouth, his father was Spencer Paul Lumpmouth Rhodes. Paul is survived by his wife, Evie Marie Sunnyboy Rhodes, Anchorage, Ala. mother, Donna Rhodes-

Martin, Tulsa, Okla. brother, Jonathon T. Rhodes, sister, Cogee Leigh Rhodes, niece, Madgebell Rhodes and nephew, Micco Paul Rhodes. He touched many during his short life. He will be greatly missed. Your legacy of love burns brightly in our hearts as we remember you.

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3rd Grade
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Kelci Johnson
Isaiah Lime-Garcia
Charity Littleman
Cobyn Mendez
Alaina Reed
Evan RomanNose
Logan Sandoval
Khaelynn Whiteman
Taya Whiteshirt
Julia Woolworth
Jacob Youngbear
4th Grade
Joshua Beaver
Ethan Black
Brandy Fasthorse
Cionna Garcia
Mario Guzman-Doyebi
Carlina Hamilton
Ashtyn Heinley

Avery Heinley
Caleb Hulbutta
Kaelee Johnson
Karizma Kibbe
Lauren Locust
Jordan PrairieChief
Paige Primeaux
Ethan Richards
Bleu Rose
Eric Sage
Allena Sioux
Lillie Tsotaddle
Marlon Whitlow
Hayden Willingham
5th Grade
Cheyenne Brothers
Brad Cann
Lucious Eekiwaudah
Gabrielle Kibbe
John Mayes
Savannah Paukei
Dorian Plumley
Tierra Reed
LeAndra Sage
Jeris Sandoval
Jeffrey Spottedbird
Adriana Tahdooah-

nippah
Nathan Thunderbull
Aidon Verjan
Aldan Whiteshirt
Annmarie Woolworth
6th Grade
Macey Addison
Michael Beaver
Rylyn Bell
Ethan Campbell
Anakin Curley
Blaine Fasthorse
Kayla Jones
Devon Klingenburg
Arianna Long
Abby Ochoa
Diamond-Sky Owens
Masiya Rose
Talon Smithwick
Andre Sweezy
Kobe Whiteman
7th Grade
Josiah Bailey
Ethan Brooks
Charlee Bushyhead
Lauren Cometsevah
Christian Dodd

Ariana Gastelum
Justice Hamilton
Lauren Hamilton
Samantha Paukei
Dyson Plumley
Aaliyah Sage
SeCody Sherman
Madison Slinkey
Paige Whiteman
Colt Wilkerson
8th Grade
Jayci Bear
Michael Bigfoot
D'monic Guzman
Allen Sioux
Dariney Slinkey
Janae WhiteEagle
Ethan Wilson
Darlington-Superintendent Honor Roll
3rd Grade
Javier Baxcajay
Elena Black
Bryce Cann
Dakota Griffin
Angel Guzman
Miklyn Lumpmouth

Jerid Sandoval
Berkley Smith-Kidd
Kaydence Thunderbull
William Whitlow
4th Grade
Jacob Long
5th Grade
Krystiana Guzman
Jaylin Reveles
Sierra Sioux
Kaylianne Sleeper
Anessa Smithwick
6th Grade
Isabelle Hill
Abrianna PrairieChief
7th Grade
Mackenzie Martin
Darlington-Perfect Attendance for 1st Nine Weeks
Pre-K
Aracelie Chavez
Valeria Flores Alvarez
Kindergarten

Ryun Hulbutta
La'Tayviona Jordan
Eryn RomanNose
Jerin Sandoval
Lauren Whiteshirt
Gilbert Winters
1st Grade
Tony Almedina
Tatym Brothers
Xavier Elledge
Elleanna Griffin
Leyton Ingram
Lilly Thomas
2nd Grade
Kody Brothers
William Elledge
Delilah NoEar
Carmello Reveles
Carter RomanNose
Mariza Salazar
Kimimilah Winters
3rd Grade
Anthony Bradley-Klingenburg
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Language Program
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Administrative Assistant
Transit Program,
Clinton, Okla.
Closing date:
Oct. 31, 2013

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Okla. or Clinton Satellite
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SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:

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Qualifications:

High School Diploma or GED required. Valid Oklahoma State drivers license. Computer knowledge and skills preferred. Proficient communication skills. Knowledge of filing procedures and file maintenance. Skilled in general office equipment, typewriter, copier, 10-key. Ability to work with the general public. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Administrative Assistant
Language Program
Closing date:
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Qualifications:

Four years of clerical experience or an equivalent of education and experience. High school diploma or GED certification required. Experience working with Native populations. Knowledge of basic data entry. Basic knowledge of spreadsheets. Knowledge of Microsoft Office. Proficient in grammar, both oral and written. Ability to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends. Able to travel within the Cheyenne and Arapaho service areas. Possess a valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5/6 Maple Tournament cont.	2 5/6 Maple Tournament cont.
3	4	5	6	7 5/6 Holy Trinity (H)4:30	8	9 7/8 Oakdale Jamboree
10	11 Veteran's Day Assembly 2:45 7/8 Calumet Tournament	12 Picture retakes & 5/6 Basketball pictures	13	14 7/8 Calumet Tournament	15	16 7/8 Calumet Tournament
17	18	19 5/6 & 7/8 Maple (H) 4:30	20	21 5/6 & 7/8 Riverside (H) 4:30	22 5/6 Sacred Heart (T) 4:30	23
24	25	26	27 No School	28 Thanksgiving No School	29 No School	30

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10	11 Veteran's Day	12 Clinton #2 TG	13	14 Elk City TG	15	16
17	18 CLOSED OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN DAY	19	20	21	22	23
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CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022
BERNADETTE PERKINS
Petitioner,
vs.
ANTHONY HOWELL
Respondent.
Case No: CIV-2013-0101
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: ANTHONY HOWELL
You are hereby notified that BERNADETTE PERKINS has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody regarding, D.K.H. and M.K.H., minor children, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 6TH day of NOVEMBER, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.
Dated this 18TH day of OCTOBER, 2013.
Ricque Richardson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court
Petitioner:
Bernadette Perkins
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El Reno, OK 73036

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WWII Vet honored with long-overdue military medals

Tulsa, OK (AP)—Given the choice, World War II veteran Phillip Coon probably wouldn't want the formality and fuss of being honored on a military base with men and women standing at attention, dressed in full regalia — even if it was with a fistful of long-overdue medals he waited decades to receive.

So it's fitting that the awards were presented to the humble Tulsa-area man Monday evening in an informal ceremony at the Tulsa International Airport, with family and fellow veterans in attendance and little pomp and circumstance.

The 94-year-old survivor of a POW labor camp and the Bataan Death March received the Prisoner of War Medal, Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman Badge after he and his son, Michael, returned from a trip to Japan to promote understanding and healing with the U.S.

A couple of dozen people applauded wildly after the medals were presented to Coon, who was seated in a wheelchair. He lifted his ball cap in recognition, exposing a shock of silver hair.

"I've been blessed to come this far in life," he said, a tear streaming down one cheek. "I thank the Lord for watching over me."

Japan's Foreign Ministry said Coon visited the site of the former POW camp in Kosaka next to a now defunct copper mine where he was put to forced labor. The veteran also met the mayor and other officials in Kosaka, in Japan's northern prefecture of Akita.

Coon, who lives in Sapulpa in north-eastern Oklahoma, served as an infantry machine gunner in the Army. He is also a survivor of the Bataan Death March in the Philippines in 1942, when the Japanese military forced tens of thousands of American and Filipino soldiers to trek for 65 miles with little food or wa-



Sonja Gilmore, right, of the Blue Star Mothers Chapter 5 (Broken Arrow), chats with Phillip Coon, of Sapulpa, a 94-year-old World War II veteran who was a prisoner of war in Japan who survived the Bataan death march, moments after Coon's arrival from Japan, at the Tulsa International Airport, on Monday, Oct. 21, 2013.

ter in blazing heat. As many as 11,000 died along the way.

After he came home from the war, Coon locked away the horrors he saw and endured.

"When I was growing up, he didn't talk too much about the military, and I didn't know what he did until I was in elementary school," recalled Coons' son, Michael. "All my mother would say is, 'your father's famous,' and that's it."

It wasn't until 40 years later in 1985, after watching dozens of John Wayne and Audie Murphy war flicks with Hollywood endings and growing tired of the numerous inaccuracies, that Coon decided it was long past time he told his account of how he and vets like him were really treated in captivity.

"He said he had to let others know about what he endured," Michael Coon said Tuesday during an interview at his father's home in Sapulpa. "He said, 'I just want to give the true facts, not the Hollywood version.'"

The elder Coon was too tired from

the long flight home from Japan to talk and was still resting late Tuesday, his son said.

It's not clear why Coon didn't get his medals before now, but such occurrences with awards are not uncommon in the military.

"It continues to trouble me that there are instances where service members do not receive the service medals they have earned through the course of their careers," said U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe, whose office contacted the military three weeks ago about the missing medals. "But It is extremely rewarding for me and my staff to be able to help veterans and active-duty members receive the honors they have fought for."

Retired Maj. Gen. Rita Aragon, Oklahoma's secretary of military and veterans' affairs, said most veterans were rightly more focused on reuniting with their families than chasing after military ribbons when they returned after the war. Aragon presented the medals to Coon during the airport ceremony.

By Justin Juozapavicius, Associated Press

AP Photo/Tulsa World, Cory Young

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HMD-Melvin Miles, U.S. Marines
HLD-Michelle Flyingman, U.S. Air Force
Honored Male Veteran-Dr. Ralph Dru, Ret. Col. U.S. Army
Honored Female Veteran-Adrianna Harris, Ret. Maj. U.S. Air Force
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Dominique Richey, 5’6”, senior, made the El Reno varsity football team his freshman year and is one of driving forces behind the team.

When did you first begin playing?
I began playing football when I was 8 years old. I just wanted to give it a try and I fell in love with the game. My position is running back.

What has been your biggest accomplishment in the sport so far?

My first high school game when I was a freshman. I felt nervous and great to be playing for the high schools team and we won the game.

What is it about the sport that you love the best?

Contact.
What are some of your goals, (sports, life, school)?

I want to go to Oklahoma State University (OSU) and major in music and minor in English.

What actions are you taking to reach these goals?

Just studying hard.

What is your biggest challenge playing football and how do you over come this challenge?

Since I am so small, people can grab me easily and throw me down. I just out run them.

Who or what inspires you the most?

My family. About a year ago we adopted my little brother, he was my cousins baby, she did not really take care of him, so we adopted him. Family means a lot to me and keeps me on track to do my best at everything I do. My whole life I have moved around a lot, back forth between my mom and dad. When I grow up I don’t want that for my kids or family. So I strive to be the best at all I do and I will do what it takes to keep my own kids out of trouble.

What has been the most exciting game you have played in?

I would have to say my freshman year when our team made it to the playoffs and when I ran a 100-yard run.

What are some of your hobbies (what do you like to do when not playing sports)?

I write music, like rap songs. I just started to do it about 6 months ago and my friends tell me that they like what I write. I really enjoy doing it. I write in my spare time and it helps keep me out of trouble.

What is one thing about you that no one else knows?

I was moved up a grade when I was in first



grade.

What is the best advice you have ever been given and who gave you that advice?

My eighth grade coach. He told me to never give up and always strive for my best.

Who has had the biggest impact on your life?

I look up to my dad ... he works hard for everything he has. He has shown me how to be a man.

What kinds of music do you enjoy listening to?

Rap music.

Who is your favorite athlete of all time?

Ray Rice, he is the Baltimore Ravens running back. He is a small athlete like I am and he basically has shown that anybody can play football no matter the size.

Which team is your favorite team?

Ohio State.

What are your plans after graduating high school?

I will work a little bit and then go to OSU. I have toured the campus and looked into the music program already and I kind a like it. My dad is going to help me.



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